



# STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

## Public Utilities Commission

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April 26, 2022

The Honorable Joseph J. Solomon, Jr.  
Chair, House Corporations Committee  
State House  
Providence, RI 02903

Re: House Bill 8090 – Expansion of Remote Net Metering to Private Entities

Dear Chair Solomon:

On behalf of the Public Utilities Commission (PUC), I am submitting the following comments on H-8090, which proposes to expand remote net metering to private entities. The purpose of this bill appears to be to allow private entities to receive credits on their electric bills from renewable energy facilities located away from their property. This opportunity is already allowed under the Renewable Energy Growth program. Just this year, the PUC approved the Distributed Generation Board's recommendation to increase the capacity available to community remote distributed generation projects.

Private non-residential customers already have the option to invest in remote facilities through the Renewable Energy Growth Program which is a statutory program designed to use a competitive process with caps on cost to encourage the development of renewable energy installations in Rhode Island. Robust and healthy competition generally results in fair revenue for developers and lower rates for consumers. Net metering lacks this important component and does not need to be expanded to meet the goal of allowing private entities to engage in renewable energy procurement.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions at 401-780-2147 or [cynthia.wilsonfrias@puc.ri.gov](mailto:cynthia.wilsonfrias@puc.ri.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cynthia G. Wilson-Frias".

Cynthia G. Wilson-Frias  
Chief of Legal Services

cc: Committee Members  
Representative Ackerman